

CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Nebraska City was conducted in the William F. Davis Room at City Hall, 1409 Central Avenue, on December 1, 2014. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in at least three public places, the designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance to the media, Mayor and Commissioners of this proceeding and said meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Hobbie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held. Mayor Jack Hobbie then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following answered present: Jim Stark, Jeff Crunk, Vic Johns, Mindy Briley and Mayor Hobbie. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Joe Johnson, City Clerk-Treasurer Arnold M. Ehlers, City Attorney David Partsch, Police Chief David Lacy, and Public Properties Director/Zoning Director Dan Giittinger.

City Clerk – Treasurer administered the Oath of Office to Mindy Briley and Vic Johns.

Mayor Hobbie moved to re-appoint Elizabeth Detloff to the Nebraska City Housing Authority, Joe Johnson as City Administrator, Arnold Ehlers as City Clerk – Treasurer, David Lacy as Chief of Police, David Partsch as City Attorney, Dr. Brad Vasa as City Physician, Evan Wickersham as City Engineer, Evan Wickersham as City Street Superintendent, Dan Giittinger as City Traffic Engineer, and appoint Vic Johns as the Nebraska City representative on the NCTC Board and Mindy Briley to the Economic Development Loan Fund Review Committee. Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Stark and seconded by Crunk to go into executive session to discuss job performance to protect the reputation of an employee. City Attorney David Partsch reminded the Council that the only thing that can be discussed is employee job performance. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Briley, Johns, Crunk, Stark, and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried. Council went into closed session at 7:09 p.m.

Council came out of closed session at 8:23 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Stark to re-appoint Elizabeth Detloff to the Nebraska City Housing Authority. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Briley, Johns, Crunk, Stark and Mayor Hobbie. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Stark to re-appoint Joe Johnson as the City Administrator. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Briley and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: Crunk and Stark. Abstain: Johns; Motion failed.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Stark to re-appoint Arnold Ehlers as the City Clerk – Treasurer. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Briley and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: Johns, Crunk, and Stark. Motion failed.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Johns to re-appoint David Lacy as the Chief of Police. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Briley, Stark, Crunk, Johns, and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Crunk to re-appoint David Partsch as the City Attorney. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Briley, Stark, Johns and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Crunk to re-appoint Dr. Brad Vasa as the City Physician. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Stark, Briley, Stark, Crunk, and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Stark to re-appoint Evan Wickersham as City Engineer. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Briley, Johns, Crunk, Stark and mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Crunk to re-appoint Evan Wickersham as the City Street Superintendent. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Stark, Briley, Johns, Crunk and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Stark to appoint Dan Giittinger as the City Traffic Engineer. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Briley, Johns, Crunk, Stark, and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Stark appoint Vic Johns as the Nebraska City representative on the NCTC Board. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Briley, Johns, Crunk, Stark, and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Hobbie and seconded by Johns to appoint Mindy Briley to the Economic Development Loan Fund Review Committee. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Briley, Crunk, Stark, Johns, and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Crunk and seconded by Stark to approved the revised Program Guidelines and Reuse Plan for the CDBG Housing Rehab grant. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Johns, Briley, Stark, Crunk and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Bruce Kreifels addressed the council with a concept that would create a concert venue and off road racing and many other activities. Mr. Kreifels was seeking input from the council as to starting this process. Council was supportive of the concept.

Mayor Hobbie introduced Resolution 2650-14 assessing tree removal to a property. Upon roll call the following voted YES: Briley, Johns, Crunk, Stark, and Mayor Hobbie. Voting NO: None. Motion adopted. A true and correct copy of said resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2650-14

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA;

WHEREAS, Section 18-58, of the Code of Ordinances, Nebraska City, Nebraska provides that the City may have a lien upon real property for the mowing of weeds, grasses and worthless vegetation or clean up of litter, which under said Ordinance constitutes a nuisance; and,

WHEREAS, Notice to abate and remove such nuisance was given to each of the owner(s) and occupant(s) of the following described property(s) at least five (5) days prior to removal by the City of Nebraska City, Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Nebraska City, Otoe County, Nebraska has mowed weeds, grasses, worthless vegetation or cleaned up the following described real estate, to-wit:

1125 12th Corso – W 36’ Lot 7; Blk B; Edgewood Addition, Nebraska City, Otoe County, Nebraska - \$2,820.00 000222000

After failure of the owner(s) to abate and remove the same from said real estate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nebraska City, Otoe County, Nebraska has incurred the cost relative to the mowing of weeds, grasses and worthless vegetation or cleaned up said real estate in the amount s reflected above and,

WHEREAS, the City sent the property owners a bills for said cleanup which have not been paid, and

WHEREAS, the City may file Special Assessments for Improvements against properties for which City bills for services have not been paid, and

WHEREAS, Said Special Assessments shall draw interest at the rate provided by Section 45-104.1 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, from the effective date hereof.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk-Treasurer of Nebraska City is hereby authorized to file with the Otoe County Treasurer Special Assessments for Improvements in the amount(s) and against the property(s) specified above, all located within Nebraska City, Otoe County, Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Passed and approved this 1st day of December, 2014.

Jack Hobbie, Mayor

Council did not take action on setting a date for a Council retreat.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Arnold M. Ehlers, City Clerk - Treasurer